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Plymouth Fall Festival 2020 is cancelled

One of the oldest and most revered traditions in the area has been cancelled due to the COVID19 pandemic.

The Plymouth Fall Festival, the 64-year-old event that filled the entire Plymouth downtown for three days each year, will not take place in 2020, in an effort to protect the public from the threat of the corona virus epidemic.

The cancellation was "obviously for safety reasons. We have to keep the public safe," noted James Gietzen of JAG Entertainment, the company that produces the event and books the live bands that attract huge crowds to Kellogg Park during the weekend.

As it has for 64 years, the event this year was set for the weekend following Labor Day and would have taken place Sept. 11 through 13.

"With great sadness, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Plymouth Fall Festival. The health and safety of our vendors, volunteers, and guests who attend the event are our priority. We are looking forward to the 2021 Plymouth Fall Festival and continuing to support our local community groups," Geitzen posted on the official Fall Festival Facebook page.

Photo by Helen Yancy

Plymouth Noon Rotary Club President John Buzuvis said that the Chicken Barbeque at the Fall Festival is the largest fundraiser for the club which usually generates from $40,000 to $50,000 annually, funding that is then directly invested back into the community.

"We award a lot of scholarships to area students," Buzuvis said, in addition to contributions to United Way, First Step, Kids Against Hunger, literacy programs and a host of other community services.

"We partner with other clubs to fulfill our driving goal, to serve the community," Buzuvis said.

The festival was founded by members of the Plymouth Rotary Club in 1956 in an effort to generate funding for playground equipment at a park at the end of Wing Street. While about 500 people attended the first event which was scheduled in May of that year, the crowd last year was estimated to have exceeded 20,000 visitors, and 10,500 of them enjoyed the famous Rotary Chicken Barbeque dinners. The event has grown to include a midway which attracts hundreds of people, along with amusement rides and vendors lining Main Street with booths. It has also become one of the main events for several other service clubs including the Kiwanis Club which hosts an annual pancake breakfast, the Optimist Club Pet Show, the Spaghetti Dinner hosted by the Morning Rotary Club of Plymouth and the Civitans Taste Fest, along with many others. The events have become an annual tradition with Plymouth residents and attract visitors from throughout the area each year.

Eric Joy, president of the Fall Festival, said the uncertainty of state mandates and safety procedures were the determining factor in the decision.

"We just don't know what the situation will be," Joy, also a Rotary Club member and past president, said. "We all have to

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Wayne hopes to merge 29th District Court

Facing a looming $3.8 million dollar deficit budget for 2020-2021, City of Wayne officials are again considering the possible merger of their court into that of a neighboring community.

This issue, which has been discussed by various city officials for more than a decade, was once again the agenda topic at a special study session in Wayne last week. Newly-appointed 29th District Court Judge Breeda O'Leary joined the members of the city council and financial consultant Brian Camiller during the meeting. Camiller explained to the officials in attendance that the current city finances will no longer support the costs at the court.

"The city has a severe structural deficit," he said. "The expenses exceed the ability of the city to generate revenue and this is before the expenses of COVID. It could be even worse," he said. He said that while the court is a source of revenue, that is in decline. "Costs keep going up," he said.

> *"The city has a severe structural deficit. The expenses exceed the ability of the city to generate revenue and this is before the expenses of COVID."*

He said that financial situation prompted the city to explore the possibility of merging the court with another community. He said the city needed to determine if such an action might be a burden or a savings.

O'Leary responded immediately that while she realized that the members of the council perceive the court as a revenue generator, "the role of the court is to administer justice, not to generate money for the city."

Mayor John Rhaesa explained that while he understood O'Leary's comments, "We can't afford the court. We are trying to make everything work. We don't have the money." Rhaesa said that when Judge Laura Mack announced she would retire from the Wayne Court, he had some preliminary, casual conversation with the then mayor of Inkster about merging the courts.

"He said they had an empty courtroom," Rhaesa said, "I went over and looked at it. I did talk to him but did not pursue negotiations."

Members of the Wayne City Council approved a resolution in February to explore a possible court merger. Rhasea said it was his understanding that Westland was not interested as it "was not financially sound" and that Romulus had also rejected the suggestion as not financially beneficial. Romulus officials, Rhaesa said, had provided a copy of the host agreement the city has with Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren for consideration. Rhaesa and O'Leary agreed

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Communities seek state legal action at landfill

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Years of complaints from Northville Township residents about odors and rancid smells emanating from the 337-acre neighboring Arbor Hills landfill owned by Advance Disposal Services (ADS) have reached the top state legal authority.

In a joint letter addressed to Michigan State Attorney General Dana Nessel signed by Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise, and Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull, the three area municipal executives implored the chief legal officer to immediately file suit against ADS.

The landfill, operating since 1970, processes solid waste from Washtenaw and Wayne counties into one of the largest and tallest dump sites in the state. The facility has been the subject of multiple air quality, solid waste and nuisance odor violations issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality - now known as Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE).

"We believe that our residents have suffered long enough from the noxious odors and health hazards generated by the both the landfill composting operations at this facility.

"Relief for our residents is urgently needed," Nix stated in the letter copied to State Sen. Dayna Polehanki, Rep. Matt Koleszar and EGLE District Supervisor Scott Miller, among others.

Nix said the residents of the three communities have filed in excess of 5,000 odor complaints from December 2015 to date. He also expressed his concerns about the impact on Ridge Wood Elementary school, located 2

miles from the landfill, adding his feeling that ADS is intentionally delaying any effort to resolve the violations.

"We believe that the immediate commencement of legal proceedings against ADS is necessary to obtain enforcement of the existing violations…"

Heise said the complaints are not as numerous from Plymouth Township residents, but feels the state has had many years to address the ADS problem. He supports a unified action.

"I think this has been dragging on for too long--over five years now. The state has had many opportunities and two administrations to remedy this. I think it's appropriate for the attorney general to take action as well as EGLE."

Canton

Veteran firefighter set to retire

A 28-year veteran of the Canton Fire Department will retire this month.

Captain Kevin Henderson, who started his career in Canton as a firefighter in 1992 will retire at the end of July, according to a prepared statement from the township.

Henderson earned his paramedic license in 2000, when the department converted from basic to an Advanced Life Support medical provider. As a Firefighter/Paramedic, Henderson provided emergency medical treatment to thousands of patients with varying injuries and illnesses. He was later trained as an operator, running the multi-faceted fire engines and pumper trucks on fire scenes.

> *"He has set an example of leadership and dedication, and will leave a gap in our organization that will be hard to fill."*

Henderson also served several years as an inspector in the Fire Prevention Unit, performing building inspections, plan reviews and fire safety promotions throughout the community. As a captain, Henderson has been responsible for numerous administrative duties, along with overseeing a crew of firefighters responding to fire and medical calls for service.

Henderson has taken on numerous additional assignments throughout the years, most notably as a member and team leader of the Western-Wayne County Hazardous Materials Response Team. This regional team of firefighters is highly-trained in the rescue, response and recovery of high-risk situations involving hazardous materials. He also served as a team leader on Michigan Task Force One (MITF-1). Henderson has also been deployed out-of-state for hurricane relief efforts, and most recently responded to Midland for swift water rescues, following the damn break in that area.

"Captain Henderson has served our community and nation with pride and dignity, both as a veteran and a 28-year career firefighter. He has set an example of leadership and dedication, and will leave a gap in our organization that will be hard to fill.

Captain Kevin Henderson

"Kevin is the kind of employee that every employer seeks to find, and we wish him well in his new ventures," said Chris Stoecklein, deputy director of fire.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, August 10, 2020 at the Cherry Hill Village Theater located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, *at 7:00 p.m.*** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITY AUTHORITY SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE for Expansion of the Western Townships Utility Authority (WTUA) Facility as required in Section 21.02.B.1 on Parcel No. 099-99-0001-705. Property is located on the east side of Haggerty Road north of Michigan Avenue.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 6, 2020 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Greg Greene, Chairman
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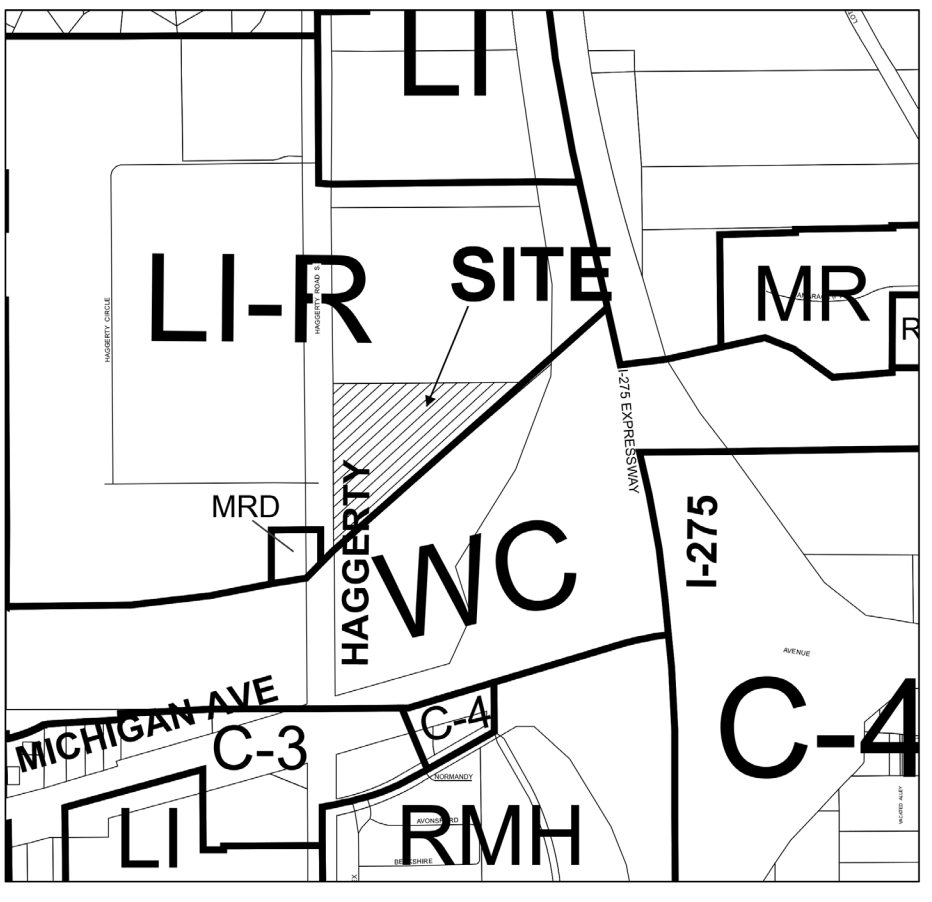

WTUA Special Land Use 099-SLU-6071

Zoning

WC WETLANDS CONSERVATION	R-3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	C-1 VILLAGE SHOPPING	OSP OFF STREET PARKING
RA RURAL AGRICULTURAL	R-4 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	C-2 COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL	LI LIGHT INDUSTRIAL
RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL	R-5 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	C-3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL	LI-R RESEARCH PARK
RE RURAL ESTATE	R-6 SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL	C-4 INTERCHANGE SERVICE	GI GENERAL INDUSTRIAL
R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	MR MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	O-1 OFFICE	
R-2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	RMH MOBILE HOME PARK	MRD MID-RISE DEVELOPEMENT	

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM YEAR 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The above named document for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is available for inspection at the Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, 734-394-5225, during regular business hours. Comments on the **2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN** will be accepted for 30 days, beginning July 23, 2020. Comments received during the public comment period will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the reports.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
AUGUST 13, 2020

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Greg Greco, John Badeen.
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda for August 13, 2020

Approval of Minutes:
June 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes

General Calendar:

1. Applicant Jody Mathias, for property located at 265 Brittany between Cherry Hill and Palisades Roads, appealing Chapter 78, Article V- Section 78-131 (4) to allow for 6' fence between houses. Parcel ID # 065-03-0008-000 (Building)
2. Applicant Tom Yack, representative for The Partnership of the Arts and Humanities, located at 50755 Cherry Hill, on south side of Cherry Hill Road between Ridge and Napier Roads, appealing Section 2.26 to omit the rooftop screens and appealing Article 5 relative to pond landscaping and road frontage landscaping. Parcel ID # 074-99-006-705 (Planning)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton. Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, August 10, 2020** at the **Village Theater at Cherry Hill** located at **50400 Cherry Hill Road** at ***7:00 p.m.*** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A - ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 8.00 - AMENDING THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ON THE ZONING MAP AS FOLLOWS;

DED DEDVUKAJ REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 052-99-0042-000, 052-99-0044-001 and 052-99-0044-002 from R-6, Single-Family Attached Residential to R-4, Single-Family Residential District. Property is located on the north side of Cherry Hill Road west of John Hix.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 6, 2020 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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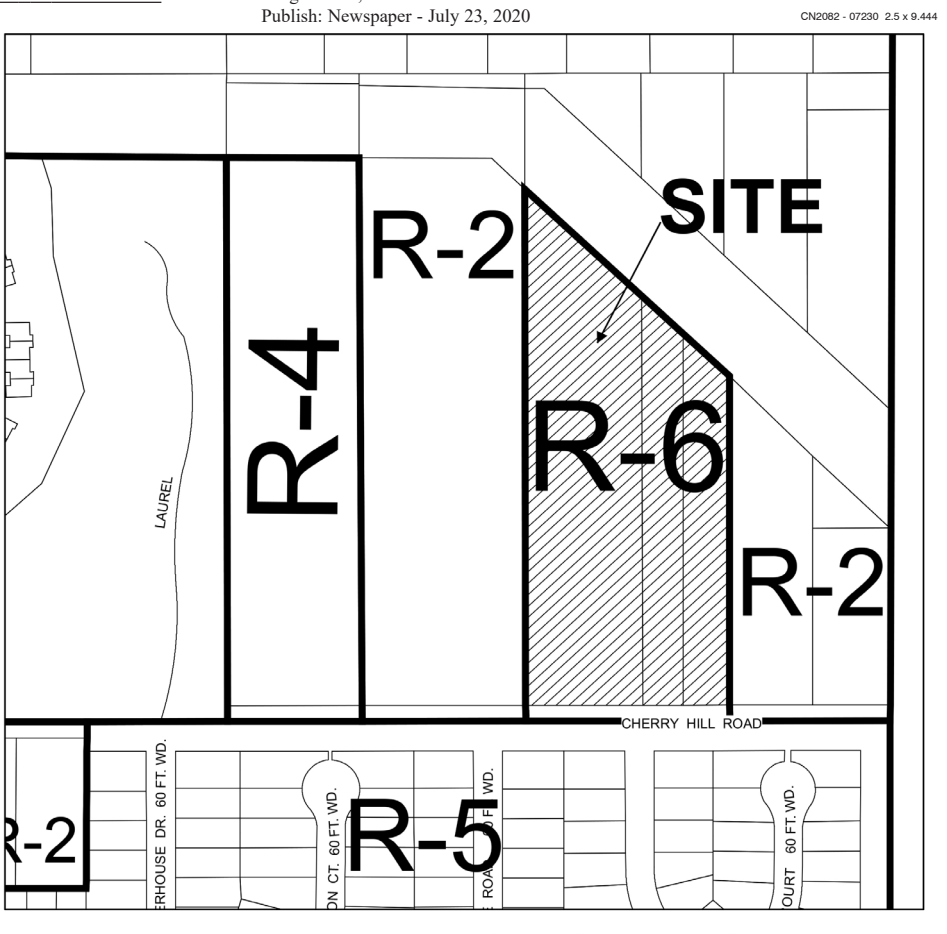

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Zoning

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Sumpter primary ballot has 17 candidates for office

The upcoming Aug. 4 primary election in Sumpter Township includes a raft of candidates seeking voters' favor. To date, the primary campaign has also included politically-motivated rhetoric, counter charges of wrongdoing and published corrections of erroneous statements, all in a township of fewer than 10,000 residents.

The seven available positions in the township are being sought by a total of 17 candidates, a large field from which voters will choose nine candidates for the November General Election ballot.

Office of Township Supervisor

Four challengers hope to unseat the current incumbent supervisor.

John W. Morgan

John W. Morgan, a Democrat is the incumbent supervisor in Sumpter Township. Morgan has been a township resident for 44 years and is retired from the Romulus Community Schools. He earned his bachelor of science degree in education at Eastern Michigan University where he also earned a masters degree in educational leadership.

Morgan served as a township trustee from 1978-80 and was appointed township treasurer in 1982. He was elected to the post from 1984 through 2012. He was appointed as township supervisor in 2014 and was elected to the post he currently holds in 2016.

Morgan is being challenged by first-time candidate **Denise Komoroa**, also a Democrat. She has been a township resident for 55 years. She is a 1983 graduate of Belleville High School and has completed training in biology and property tax assessment.

She is a member of the Southwestern Wayne County Democratic Club, the League of Women Voters, the Goodfellows and the Michigan Democratic Club. She worked in the office of former Sumpter Township Supervisor Johnny Vawters, she said, for more than 13 years.

Also seeking the supervisor's office is Democrat **Antoine Jordan**, a life-long resident of Sumpter Township. Jordan is a 2002 graduate of Belleville High School and earned his bachelor of science in Business Administration from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in business Administration in Human Resources from the University of Phoenix.

Antoine Jordan

Currently he is a member of Spiritual Israel Church and is the head of fundraising for the Belleville High School boys basketball team where he has been a coach for 7 years.

Nelson S. Po

Also hoping to replace Morgan as supervisor is Democrat **Nelson S. Po**, a 12-year resident of the township.

Po, 72, claims he earned a liberal arts degree in pre-med but did not identify the school or university he attended. He did not attend medical school. He said he has been self-employed and has been a farmer and is now an aspiring politician.

In June of 2017, Po entered a plea of guilty to a misdemeanor charge of attempting to deliver/manufacture 5-45 kilograms of marijuana at his Harris Road home. Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Ulysses W. Boykin in July of 2017 sentenced Po to one year of probation and a fine of $1,548. Boykin also ruled that Po could grow marijuana within state statutes.

This is his first campaign for public office.

The lone Republican candidate for the supervisor's term is **Tim Bowman**, a 51-year resident of Sumpter Township. Bowman has been a general contractor for 40 years and listed his education as high school and technical school. This is his first bid for elective office.

Office of Township Clerk

Esther Hurst

Incumbent **Esther Hurst**, 61, is seeking reelection to office. She has lived on a family-owned homestead in Sumpter since 1959. Hurst has 35 years working in Sumpter Township Hall in various capacities including ordinance, planning and zoning, elections, building, administrations and clerk's office functions, as well as township and board of trustees protocols.

She is a member of MAMC-Clerk's Professional Association, Michigan Townships Association, and Wayne County Clerk's Association, and is a Notary Public.

Hurst, is a Democrat.

Hurst is being challenged by **Sherry Olds,**, 73. Olds has been a resident of the township for 45 years and is a retired real estate broker.

Her husband Milton is deceased. She has a son Vincent (Laura) Olds and a son Brett (Catharina) Olds.

Olds claims her real estate experience includes several employment-related courses in financing, assessing, negotiation and contract law. She has had state licenses as a real estate broker, a builder and an insurance broker.

She is a member of Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club, Moose, U.A.W. Local 735 affiliate member, Sumpter Senior Center, former Southwestern Michigan Association of Realtors,

Olds is a former member of the planning commission, former members of Assessor Review Board of Appeals.

Office of Township Treasurer

Two Democrats are vying for the opportunity to face the Republican candidate for township treasurer.

James Clark, a retired Ford Motor Co. quality engineer, has lived in the township for more than 50 years. He earned a degree in accounting and engineering at Wayne State University and was formerly a licensed builder and licensed real estate agent.

He is currently is a member of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission and previously served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and was a building inspector.

He is a past member of the Belleville Moose.

Vincent Warren, also a Democrat, is hoping to be on the November ballot. A Sumpter Township resident for 11 years, he serves as a peer advocate for veterans at the Department of Veteran Affairs in Ann Arbor. He holds a master's degree in marriage and family counseling with a baccalaureate degree in liberal arts. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Persian Gulf and Desert Storm wars from 1988 through 1994 and was honorably discharged.

He was voted trustee of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Post 4434, Sumpter Township Progressive League, Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development resident facilitator, and is a state-certified Hospice Chaplain.

Office of Township Trustee

Four incumbent trustees are being challenged by four candidates on the primary ballot.

Don LaPorte has been a Sumpter Township resident for more than 50 years. An incumbent, he was first elected to the board of trustees in 2016 after being appointed to the position following the death of Trustee Bill Hamm.

LaPorte, a Democrat, is a 1984 graduate of Belleville High School. Following jobs as a production operator and a tool maker, he worked in production at Ford Motor Co. He earned his state medical certification working for the Sumpter Fire Department beginning in 2006. During his tenure with the fire department, he has continued his training, earning several certifications in fire-related discipline, including fire inspector..

He is past president of Michigan Association of Fire Fighters Local 343, Sumpter Fire Department, and is a past member of the Sumpter Planning Commission.

LaPorte is a Medical First Responder, fire fighter, and has been fire instructor for Sumpter Township for 14 years.

Since being appointed to the township board in late 2015, LaPorte has successfully completed classes through the Michigan Township Association regarding the responsibilities of a township trustee..

Matthew Oddy, 52, is also an incumbent trustee seeking reelection to the township board. A Democrat, he has been a township resident for 40 years. Oddy, a

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
SUMPTER TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN
AUGUST 4, 2020 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP:
Notice is hereby given that State Primary Election will be held in Sumpter Township on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

AT THE FOLLOWING POLLING LOCATIONS:

Precinct 1 & 3	Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Road
Precinct 2	Moose Lodge, 45476 Harris Road
Precinct 5	Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Road
Precinct 4 & 6	Fire Station #1, 20550 Sumpter Road

For the purposes of electing a candidate to the following office(s):

***UNITED STATES SENATOR, *REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 12th DISTRICT, *REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 17th DISTRICT, *WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, *WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF, *WAYNE COUNTY CLERK, *JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3rd CIRCUIT NON -INCUMBENT POSITION, *JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT 34TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION, *WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER, *WAYNE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS, *WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER 11th DISTRICT, *SUMPTER TOWNSHIP *SUPERVISOR, *CLERK, *TREASURER AND *TRUSTEES, *DELEGATE TO COUNTY CONVENTION.**

Please take notice that the residents of Sumpter Township will be voting on the following millage proposals as presented and listed below:

- **WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL O- OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL:** TO RENEW THE MILLAGE AUTHORIZED IN 2009 TO CONTINUE TO LEVY AT THE ESTIMATE 2019 ROLLBACK RATE OF 0.9529 FOR TEN MORE YEARS (2020-2029) AND PROCEEDS USED TO CONTINUE EXISTING COUNTY SERVICES INCLUDING PROGRAMS FOR ARREST, DETENTION AND PROSECUTION OF CRIMINALS, JUVENILE COURT AND RELATED SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH, RECREATION, COUNTY PARKS, JOB TRAINING, SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR MEETING MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE POOR, THE DISABLED, AND THE AGED?

- **WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL P- TO RENEW THE MILLAGE AUTHORIZED IN 2016:** AT THE ESTIMATED 2020 ROLLBACK RATE OF 0.2459 MILLS FOR FIVE MORE YEARS (2021 THROUGH 2025) TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND OPERATE SEVERAL PARKS AND RELATED FACILITIES, INCLUDING HINES PARK, ELIZABETH PARK, CHANDLER PARK AND IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL PARKS IN THE 43 COMMUNITIES AS PROVIDED IN AN IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE THROUGH AN ANNUAL ALLOCATION BY COMMISSION DISTRICT OF THE GREATER OF $50,000 OR 15% OF THE TOTAL FUNDS GENERATED FROM THAT DISTRICT, ON THE CONDITION THAT, FOR ANY YEAR FOR WHICH THIS CONTINUED LEVY WOULD BE IMPOSED, WAYNE COUNTY MUST BUDGET FROM OTHER SOURCES AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ITS 1995-1996 FISCAL YEAR APPROPRIATION FOR PARKS?

- **SUMPTER TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL–FIRE PROTECTION MILLAGE RENEWAL:** SHALL THE EXPIRED PREVIOUS VOTED INCREASE IN THE TAX LIMITATIONS IMPOSED UNDER ARTICLE IX, SEC. 6 OF THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION IN SUMPTER TOWNSHIP, OF 1 MILL ($1.00 PER $1,000 OF TAXABLE VALUE), REDUCED TO .98450 MILLS ($.9845 PER $1,000 OF TAXABLE VALUE) BY THE REQUIRED MILLAGE ROLLBACKS, BE RENEWED AT AND INCREASED UP TO THE ORIGINAL VOTED 1 MILL ($1.00 PER $1,000 OF TAXABLE VALUE) AND LEVIED FOR 4 YEARS, 2020 THROUGH 2023 INCLUSIVE, FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROTECTION, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT, RAISING AN ESTIMATED $365,500.00 IN THE FIRST YEAR THE MILLAGE IS LEVIED?

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Sumpter Township office located at 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. Sample ballots can also be found at www.mi.gov/vote and www.sumptertwp.org.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Sumpter Township
Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment
To the qualified electors of the Sumpter Township, Wayne County, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precinct 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 for the State Primary is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sumpter Township Community Gymnasium, located at 23501 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.

Esther Hurst
Sumpter Township Clerk
(734) 461-6201

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Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Swinson. Treasurer Bednark excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and approximately 2 residents.

*Supervisor Morgan asked for a moment of silence for recently deceased Sumpter Township Police Det. John Ashby.

3. Agenda: Motion by Swinson, supported by Rush to approve the agenda. Motion carried

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No comments.

5. Minutes:
A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2020. Motion carried
B. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2020.

6. Warrants: Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve warrants processed through March 11, 2020 - Totaling $1,386,586.36. Roll call vote: Ayes: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Swinson. Nays: None. Treasurer Bednark excused. Motion carried.

7. Receive and File all Reports: Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to receive and file the following reports;
- Water & Sewer Report-Morgan:
- Police Report-Luke:
- Building/Ordinance Report-Rush:
- Fire Report-Januszyk:
- Treasurer's Report-K. Bednark:
- Supervisor Report-J. Morgan:
- Attorney's Report:

Attorney Young spoke about the memory of John Ashby. He was special. A wonderful example of a dedicated Sumpter Twp Police Officer, his charitable contributions, a community supporter, a devoted family man and a special human being. Chief Luke agreed and supported the Attorney's comments. John Ashby was special.

Chief Luke made a citizen's statement and referenced the current COVID-19 lockdown and wanted to assure all residents that emergency services provided by the Township are ready to respond should they need the support. Each department has put procedures in place to support our residents, enforce safety for our responders and will respond in our normal manner to emergency needs. Routine calls have been modified to minimize exposure for residents and our responders. Chief Luke does request that all residents comply with the current guidelines provided during this pandemic.
Attorney Young advised that the Moose Lodge is currently closed due to current events. The Township has a Land Contract agreement with the Lodge and they are requesting consideration for interest only payments for a short time. Nothing will be forgiven under the current contract, but it will provide the Lodge an opportunity to recover during these trying times. With motion approval, Attorney Young will work out specifics directly with the Lodge and advise the Board appropriately of option details.
Motion carried.

8. Board Response:
- Trustee Swinson advised that the Parks & Recreation Commission has cancelled the events Easter Egg Hunt and The Sumpter Country Festival 2020. He stated that the Commission's actions were taken to protect all the volunteers and service providers who support the functions and the residents who enjoy them.
- Trustee Oddy stated his appreciation for our Emergency Response Teams, their community support and to all Township employees coming in to work that are doing their best to keep services being provided to our residents.

9. Unfinished Business:
A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve professional services by WCA Assessing in the amount of $114,540 tabled from the Regular Board Meeting of February 25, 2020. Motion unsupported. Motion failed due to lack of support.

10. New Business:
A. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to amend the 2019-2020 budget and adopt the 2020-2021 budget. Motion carried.
B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve payment of essential bills & warrants with Finance Director review and approval (as directed by post audit policy), until May 12, 2020. Motion carried.
C. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve cancelling April 14, 2020 and April 28, 2020 Board Meetings.. Motion carried.
D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve cancelling all Township Board, Commissions and Committee Meetings until May 12, 2020. Motion carried.

11. Announcements: None.

12. Open Floor: No attendees spoke.

13. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick
Deputy Clerk, Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk _____ date

John W. Morgan, Supervisor _____ date

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Sumpter

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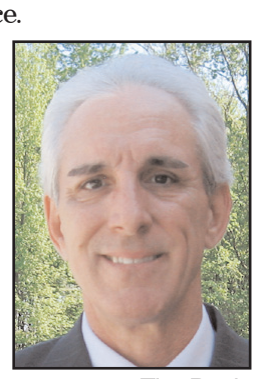
Democrat, received his bachelor of business administration in accounting and strategic management from Eastern Michigan University and is a general manager and a small business owner.

Matthew Oddy

He was elected as a Sumpter Township trustee in 2016, after being appointed and serving on the board of trustees in 2014. Oddy has 27 years of accounting, budgeting, and management experience and 12 years of public service experience.


Tim Rush

Tim Rush, 61, is the lone Republican seeking reelection to the township board of trustees He is a 32-year township resident.

He graduated from the National Institute of Technology in 1986 and was class valedictorian. He is a licensed Federal Communications Commission engineer and for 27 years has been employed as a corporate/private security consultant. He also works with the Washtenaw County Emergency Services Division as the Amateur Radio Communication Coordinator for SKYWARN, Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service and Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

He also has served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission for Sumpter Township.

Rush is an alternate member of the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission and has been a member of the American Radio Relay League since 1982.

Don Swinson, 57, is seeking reelection to the board of trustees. A life long resident of the area, he is a 23-year veteran of the sales team at Atchinson Ford. As a trustee, Swinson is liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission. He also works with the Sumpter Country Fest Committee, making sure that all aspects are covered, along with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, the Annual Family Fun Day, and the Annual Turkey Shoot, and in 2019, the first Gabby Games (in memory of Gabby Barrett), where he worked closely with the police and fire departments.

He served as chairman and co-chairman for the Parks and Recreation Commission and served five years on the Planning Commission. Swinson also was appointed to the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the BYC (Belleville Yacht Club).

He is a 1980 graduate of Belleville High School, master-certified through Ford Motor Co., and achieved a Level 3 Employee Excellence Award. He graduated from Dale Carnegie, majoring in effective speaking and human relations; completed Dynamics of Personnel Leadership and Industrial Engineering Methods.

Four candidates are hoping to replace the incumbent board members.

Sheena Barnes, 60, is a lifetime resident of the township seeking a seat on the board of trustees. She graduated from Airport High School in 1977 and attended Wayne County Community College, CID Trade Business School. She is Resources Coordinator for Ann Arbor, a part of the Community Action Network, Student Advocate Center, Ann Arbor Housing Commission, Peace Neighborhood Center and Pine Lake Community Center.

Barnes, a Democrat, was appointed as a Sumpter Trustee in 2018 and was unsuccessful in her campaign for election as Sumpter clerk.

She also is an art teacher for the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Department of Recreation and in Detroit at the University Preparatory Academy Schools.

Barnes said she has Michigan State University Safe Food Certification and is a sponsor of Nate Barnes Tributes and Soul Roll Festivals.

She is a member of Southwestern Wayne County Democratic Club and Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

Ken Myers

Ken Myers, 37, has lived in Sumpter Township for seven years. A Democrat, he is a Sumpter Township firefighter, EMT and WC Technical Rescue Team member and a businessman in the construction field. His education includes high school, trade school, and Michigan Residential Builder and Fire/Hazmat/EMS training. This is his first bid for public office.

Peggy A. Morgan, 61, a 35 year resident of the community, is seeking election to the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees.

She is not related to incumbent Supervisor John W. Morgan.

Morgan was appointed as the township treasurer in February 2017 and served in that office through November of 2018. She also served as trustee from November 2004 through January 2017.. She also served on the Board of Review, the Economic Development Committee, and volunteered for the Neighborhood Watch Program in the 1990s. She was board liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Fire Department and the Water Department.

She belongs to the Michigan Democratic Party, Southwestern Wayne County Democratic Club, Sumpter Seniors and the Women of the Moose 1135.

Eric Partridge, 56, has lived in the township for 30 years. A Democrat, he is the owner/operator of a construction company. He said he has two associate degrees one in liberal arts and another in science/mathematics but did not list the schools or universities he attended. This is

Remember to Vote
Aug. 4, 2020
Sumpter Township Primary Election

Sumpter Township
Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:00 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, Swinson and LaPorte. Treasurer K. Bednark excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Finance Director Cole, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, HR Bellingham and 5 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: None.

5. New Business:
A. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve all township mail (containing payments) delivered to the Treasurer's office whether by mail or drop box or hand delivered will be opened and processed for deposit by the Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer and/or Treasurer's Office Clerk office personnel. Motion carried.
B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve Review of Township Attorney Opinion letter, MTA response to Supervisor's inquiry regarding statutory obligations of the Treasurer, consider the recommendations of the Township Attorney and MTA, consider the appointment of appropriate individuals to open Township mail as provided for in the MTA recommendation, and consider the retaining of outside counsel (law firm of Pentiuk, Couvreur & Kobiljak, 2915 Biddle, Ste. 200, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192) to initiate a lawsuit seeking an order of the Court (Mandamus Writ) requiring the Treasurer to conduct and complete all statutory obligations of the Township Treasurer's office; compliance with directive being no later than close of business, 4:30 pm, June 11th, 2020. The Attorney is authorized by the Board to initiate actions with outside counsel. Motion carried.

6. Open Floor: Two (2) attendees spoke.

7. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to adjourn at 7:01 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk _____ date _____

John Morgan, Supervisor _____ date _____

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Township of Sumpter
Public Budget Hearing
March 24, 2020
23480 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Trustees: LaPorte, Oddy, Rush and Swinson. Treasurer Bednark excused. Also showing present: Attorney R. Young, Finance Director Cole, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety/Chief of Police Luke and no residents.

Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to open the public hearing for the 2019-2020 Township budget. Motion carried.
2020-2021 Budget presentation by Finance Director Cole.

- Please remember that, although expense items may be included in the Budget, the item must meet all Township directives on expenditures approval prior.
- The Budget is a planning document and not all items will be discussed, but highlights will be provided during the presentation.
- Projected year end for 2019-2020 is favorable. Revenue and relative expenses are up. Collections have improved overall. Controllable items recognized are staying on top of general fund expenditures.
- Planned investments for next year are as follows;

General Fund Expenditures:

- Technology, computers. Overall assessment in network applications, technology improvements, telecommunications and advancements. Approximate investment: $40,000.00
- Police Interceptor Vehicle(s). This may not include all instrumentation(s) and appliance(s) within the new vehicle(s). Approximate Investment: $85,000.00
- Police Department building repairs. Approximate Investment: $15,000.00
- Radios, equipment. Approximate Investment: $20,000.00
- Clerk's Office. File cabinets. Approximate Investment: $12,000.00

Fire Fund Expenditures:

- New Fire Engine/Primary Front Line Truck Certification. Regulatory requirement. Approximate Investment: $150,000.00 (year 1 initial loan from General Fund, 7-year payback)

Water Fund Expenditures:

- Water Meters. Replacement(s). Approximate Investment: $13,000.00
- Grinder Pumps, 5-year plan. Replacement(s). Approximate Investment: $117,600.00
- Fund replacement for (2) entrances. Approximate Investment: $10,000.00
  Net position increase of approximately 9.0%.
  Royalty improvements upward trend from 2012 forward.
  1 manpower addition, part-time Driver, Community Center

No questions from the attendees.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to adjourn at 6:16 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by
Anthony Burdick
Deputy Clerk

Esther Hurst _____ Date _____

John W. Morgan, Supervisor _____ Date _____

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Sumpter Township
Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:00 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Swinson. Treasurer K. Bednark and Trustee LaPorte excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Finance Director Cole, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and 1 resident.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: None.

5. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the warrants totaling $90,014.23 for 3/31/2020, $90,362.78 for 4/15/2020, $153,570.03 for 4/29/2020 and extension for bills payment authorization through May 29, 2020. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Swinson, Oddy, Supervisor Morgan and Clerk Hurst. Nay: None. Excused: Treasurer Bednark and Trustee LaPorte. Motion carried.

6. New Business:
A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the cancellations of May 12th and May 26th Board Meetings, due to Stay Home Order. Motion carried.
B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to post signage that, when facilities are reopened to the public, upon entering the Township Hall and Senior Center a mask or face covering is required. Motion carried.
C. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the fire renewal language to be placed on the August 4, 2020 ballot and Resolution # 2020-09. Motion carried.
D. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve Resolution 2020-10 approving Duty Pay as identified for essential employees that are currently working; with edits suggested by Trustee Oddy. Motion carried.
E. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve purchasing a UniMac commercial turnout gear washer for the fire department from Universal Laundry Machinery at the cost of $7,596.00. Motion carried.
F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve adopting a salary amendment to the Finance Director's contract. Motion carried.
G. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve advertising for a building department clerk, due to resignation of Brad Wheelock. Motion Carried.
H. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve naming Supervisor as person authorized to call back furloughed workers. Motion carried.

7. Open Floor: None.

8. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to adjourn at 6:16 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk _____ date _____

John Morgan, Supervisor _____ date _____

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Sumpter Township
Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:00 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Trustees: Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Treasurer K. Bednark and Trustee Swinson excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Finance Director Cole, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and 6 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: One (1) comment received.

5. Warrants: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the warrants totaling $395,764.37 for 5/13/2020, $202,493.96 for 5/27/2020 and extension for bills payment authorization through June 30, 2020. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Oddy, LaPorte, Supervisor Morgan and Clerk Hurst. Nay: None. Excused: Treasurer Bednark and Trustee Swinson. Motion carried.

6. New Business:
A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve to upgrade network to fiber with Comcast, the total cost will be $1,400.00 per month for (60) months. Motion carried.
B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve of the Sumpter Township COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. Motion carried.
C. Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve new concrete parking lot, by C & S Construction beside the media center and behind the water department building at a cost of $8,500.00 paid out of library funds. Motion carried.
D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve of fence bid from Outdoor Amenities chain link fencing beside library in the amount of $20,400.00 paid out of library funds. Motion carried.
E. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to cancel the June 9th and June 23rd Board Meetings, and any Township Commissions' June 2020 Meetings, due to the extended Stay At Home Order. Motion carried.
F. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve to purchase two (2) Ford Police Interceptor Utilities from Atchinson Ford at a total cost of $81,282.00 under the police department's 2020/2021 budget. Motion carried.
G. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve to hire Jon Tackett as building official (in order to sign plan reviews) until further notice, cost is $50.00 per plan. Motion carried.
H. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve and confirm that all water/sewer mail/payments will be opened and processed and stay in the Treasurer's office. Motion carried.

***Supervisor Morgan entertained several Board and Management announcements;**

- Deputy Supervisor Armatis advised that Sumpter Road will be resurfaced from Willis Rd to Hull Road.
- Trustee LaPorte advised that;
  -The new Fire Engine was picked up from Romulus.
  -Chief Januszyk's contract renewal is forthcoming.
  -Annual fire hose inspection resulted in several hoses that require replacement.
- Trustee Rush wanted to express appreciation and extend recognition to all of Sumpter Township's First Responders.
- Supervisor Morgan expressed appreciation for Deputy Armatis' support and efforts during the experienced Township closure and extended recognition to all the essential workers.
- Clerk Hurst thanked the DPW Team for all of their support and quick response to service issues and safety projects that made essential work within the Township possible.
- Trustee Oddy agreed and added that Ken Kunka, the DPW Supervisor has been rotating his staff for their safety and exposure control while maintaining residents' service needs and response to emergencies.

7. Open Floor: Two (2) attendees spoke.

8. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 6:35 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk _____ date _____

John Morgan, Supervisor _____ date _____

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CANTON - SUMPTER

Rezoning for new apartment complex OK'd

Canton Township Planning Commissioners have approved a proposal to build several hundred apartments and new commercial property along Michigan Avenue between Lilley and Sheldon roads.

The proposed development will now go before the members of the township board of trustees for final consideration after a final review by the planning commission.

Commissioners considered the plan by Redwood Apartment Neighborhoods which had requested a rezoning of the land from commercial to combined residential and commercial, last year. Following the rezoning, developers presented the plan for the combined development which includes two phases of construction. Apartments are slated to be built west of Morton Taylor Road during the first phase which includes the installation of a stormwater retention pond. The second phase includes construction east of Morton Taylor and the paving of the interior roadway. Developers said that the commercial portion of the project would be constructed after all the residential units are complete.

Those plans were not accepted by the planning commissioners as submitted, however. Commissioners asked for design changes which included varying the exterior look of the buildings.

A representative from the developer assured the commissioners that the plans would be reviewed prior to returning for a final approval before going before the board of trustees.

Canton to welcome Slows To Go barbeque truck

History of a sort will be made in Canton Township tomorrow when the first-ever food truck brings a renown seller of barbeque ribs to Cherry Hill Village.

The famous Slows Bar-B-Q restaurant will park the Slows to Go food truck just west of the fountain in Cherry Hill Village during specific hours including noon until 9 p.m. Saturdays and noon until 6 p.m. Sundays. Other hours have not yet been announced but Slows managers said the hours could be expanded as demand grows. The truck will be fulfilling cravings for smoky sweet barbeque ribs in Canton for about a month. That time could be extended, officials said, if all goes well. The one-month permit duration is the first in the township where food trucks have only been permitted for a few days at a time.

The restaurant management will rent the location from the township for $250, which will be used in the community improvement fund, officials said.

Township officials said the change in duration was partially due to lack of a food-truck ordinance in the community, with the exception of special event permits. When the restaurant managers suggested parking the truck near Canton Center and Joy roads in the former union building parking lot, Canton officials suggested Cherry Hill Village as an alternative.

The Slows truck would usually be extremely busy feeding summer festival goes and graduation party guests, but the pandemic has changed many business models during the past months. Slows management said the new location is ideal because of the population density and they are hoping the location will prove a financial success.

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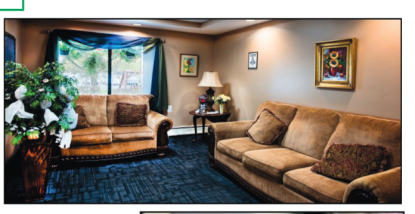

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Sumpter Township
Special Board Meeting
Thursday, April 2, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:00 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Swinson. Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer K. Bednark excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Finance Director Cole, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and no residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the agenda with the following edits;

EDITED: 6. New Business: Item B. as follows;
Approve the furlough of 8 employees; Anna Winter, Brad Wheelock, Dawn Hadyniak, Karen Woodington, Peter Gregory, Sue Dufresne, Erica Campbell ~~**and Richard Morgan**~~, effective April 14, 2020 until further notice, supported by Resolution # 2020-08.

ADDED: 6. New Business: Item C. as follows;
Consider the approval of hiring a new police officer, Nickolas Allan Toth, contingent upon passing both physical and psychological exams **with the (6) month compensation level provided on the first day of employment.**

Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: None.

5. Warrants: Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the warrants totaling $73,973.92. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Swinson, LaPorte, Oddy and Supervisor Morgan. Nay: None. Excused: Clerk Hurst and Treasurer Bednark. Motion carried.

6. New Business:
A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the payroll of all employees through April 13, 2020; due to the Governor's Executive Order of Stay Home. Motion carried.
B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the furlough of 7 employees; Anna Winter, Brad Wheelock, Dawn Hadyniak, Karen Woodington, Peter Gregory, Sue Dufresne and Erica Campbell effective April 14, 2020 until further notice, supported by Resolution # 2020-08. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Swinson, LaPorte, Oddy and Supervisor Morgan. Nay: None. Excused: Clerk Hurst and Treasurer Bednark. Motion carried
C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve hiring a new police officer, Nickolas Allan Toth, contingent upon passing both physical and psychological exams with the (6) month compensation level provided on the first day of employment. Motion carried.

7. Open Floor: None.
Members of Township Staff and Board of Trustees provided statements as follows;
Karen Armatis, Deputy Supervisor recognized and supported the activities and community support of our Senior Center staff, as well as the DPW & Township staff who continued efforts in supporting the Sumpter Twp Community.
Trustee LaPorte recognized the donation by the UAW Ford donation of protective masks.
Trustee Oddy addressed a recent Belleville Independent article which untruthfully reported actions by Chief Eric Luke. He further stated that the Township and the Board of Trustees were proud of the service provided to the community by the Chief and his staff. Trustee Rush supported these comments and thanked the Chief, as well.

8. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 6:38 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk date

_____ _____
John Morgan, Supervisor date

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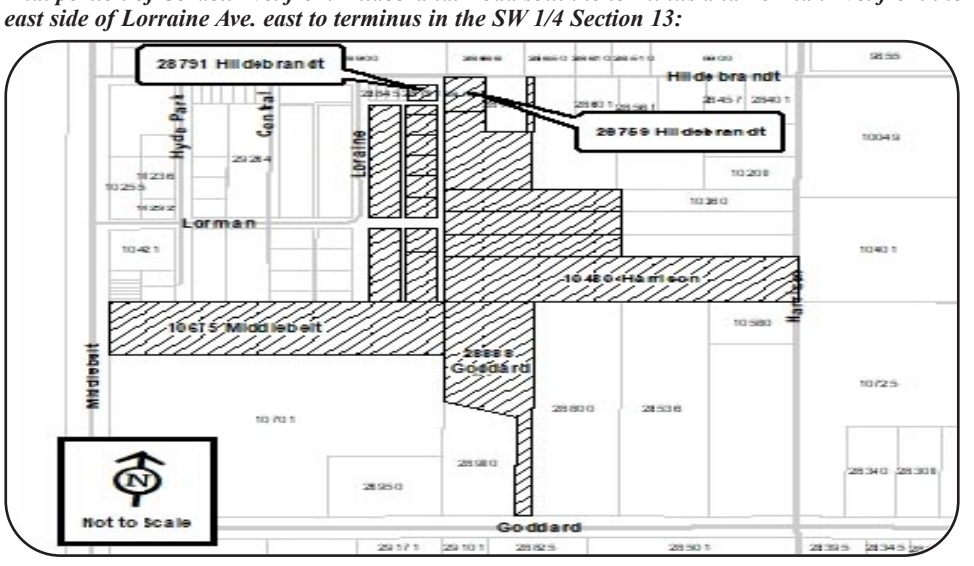
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS
STREET VACATION

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Romulus has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on **Monday, July 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** for the purpose of taking testimony on the proposed vacation of the following streets:

That portion of Cordell Ave. from Hildebrandt Road south to terminus and Lorman Ave. from the east side of Lorraine Ave. east to terminus in the SW 1/4 Section 13:



Members of the public wishing to participate in this meeting electronically may do so by dialing into the meeting or online utilizing the Zoom Meeting app.

Topic: PUBLIC HEARING - STREET VACATION
Time: Jul 27, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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Written comments may be submitted by email to: Clerk@romulusgov.com, no later than 3:00 o'clock p.m., Monday, July 27, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REQUEST FOR
SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 7:00 pm, Thursday, August 13, 2020 regarding the request for a Special Exception Use Permit.

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

This PROPOSED request is a Special Exception for Large Adult Foster Care Home accommodating up to twenty (20) residents.

SITE LOCATION

The site for the proposed special exception is 23560 Sumpter Road (Parcel ID 81-064-99-0017-001) and a westerly unaddressed parcel (Parcel ID 81-064-99-0017-002).

This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask question, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

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Wayne - Westland

Court

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that both were informed that a merger with the Romulus Court was now "off the table," as was any further negotiation with the 18th District Court in Westland, where judges have consistently rejected merger overtures from Wayne for more than a decade.

In discussing any potential merger with the Inkster court, Rhaesa, along with several members of the council, questioned the rumored state regulation which requires any merger of district courts be in contiguous communities. O'Leary said she had not done any research personally on the question but offered suggestions as to court authorities and agencies the city could ask in writing for any such ruling. City Manager Lisa Nocerini said that she had attempted to research the law, but could not find any determining statute which would require the communities to be contiguous.

O'Leary explained that the merging of courts would need some legislative action at the state level as it would create a new voting base for election of judges. O'Leary reiterated her concern with the financial information presented to the council and detailed numerous cost-saving items which were not included in the numbers. "That is not reliable information," she said.

Camiller explained that the numbers and totals were simply examples and not intended as the final calculations.

"Any such agreement is still the object of negotiation," he said. He reminded the members of the council that the Romulus court wanted to assume the workload but did not want another judge. Officials commented that preliminary talks with Westland had included adding a judge to that court which currently has two full-time judges and a magistrate.

O'Leary explained that the courts were now using zoom and other methods for many court procedures and that this is also a cost savings measure, both for the courts and for the respective police departments. She suggested that perhaps, in light of these new procedures, the opinions about a merger with the Westland or Romulus courts may have changed.

Camiller agreed noting that COVID may have changed the opinions and practices of court.

Mayor Pro tem Tom Porter noted that while both Wayne and Romulus officials were willing to consider a merger and both rejected the proposal, council should take another look at the issue.

"We should consider the people here, citizens having to drive along with police transporting (prisoners). There is no reason we can't go back and speak with them," he said of the suggestion to again approach the neighboring courts.

O'Leary said that she would attempt to contact the judges in the two communities to see if any discussion would be of interest. She suggested such a conversation would be far more productive if she had accurate case-load and financial data from the courts to analyze costs and benefits in an effort to show officials that the merger could be a sound financial decision for them, as well as Wayne.

Rhaesa asked O'Leary if she could have the report at the next meeting of the council at the end of the month. O'Leary agreed and said that current court administrator Linda Gable would be able to work on compiling the data.

In closing, O'Leary reminded the members of the council of the number of measures that have already been taken at the court to control expenses including the scheduling of police officers on their regular shifts so as not to incur overtime costs.

"Other courts may not take many of these things into consideration," she said.

Suspect facing multiple charges in mall shooting

A Detroit man is facing 15 criminal charges in connection with a non-fatal shooting reported at Westland Mall July 9.

According to the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, Gregory Travis Jones, 24, is facing charges including two counts of assault with intent to murder, two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, two counts of felonious assault, discharge of a firearm in a building, carrying a concealed weapon and seven counts of felony firearm.

The charges stem from an incident reported at 5:38 p.m. July 9 when Westland police officers, as well as officers from other law enforcement agencies, responded to a call about shots fired inside Westland Mall. Witnesses told officers the shooter met with some acquaintances while in a store in the mall.

A subsequent discussion among the group escalated into an argument and the defendant drew a weapon and initially fired it into the air and then fired the weapon toward the fleeing acquaintances, according to investigator's reports.

The bullets struck and shattered the store display window and two bystanders immediately outside of the store were hit with glass shards, according to police reports.

The defendant fled the scene on foot and police officers searched the mall in an attempt to immediately locate him, police said.

An investigation by Westland police officers and the U.S. Marshal Fugitive Apprehension Team located the defendant and placed him under arrest July 13. Westland investigators are continuing the investigation and attempting to identify the other individuals pictured in surveillance video of the incident. Police said that the incident was not a random act of violence and that the parties involved had interactions prior to the confrontation at the mall. Police have requested anyone with information about the incident contact the detective bureau at (734) 467-7914.

Jones was arraigned July 13 in 18th District Court and received a $1 million cash or surety bond from Judge Mark McConnell. Should he post bond, he will be required to wear a GPS tether and remain in his home.

The Probable Cause Conference in the case is scheduled for July 23.

Gregory Travis Jones

Nominations sought for AARP senior service awards

Active seniors in the area are due for some honors from AARP (American Association of Retired People) Michigan.

The group is now accepting nominations for the 2020 Michigan Andrus Award for Community Service, which honors 50-and-older Michiganders who are sharing their experience, talent, and skills to enrich the lives of their community members.

"AARP Michigan is excited to shine a light on volunteers who are using what they've learned in life to make a difference in the lives around them," said AARP Michigan State Director Paula D. Cunningham.

Nomination deadline is Sept. 15 and Nomination forms are available at www.aarp.org/AndrusAward.

Nominations will be evaluated by AARP Michigan volunteers based on the ways the nominee's work has improved the community, supported the AARP vision and mission, and inspired other volunteers. The award recipient will be announced in early fall.

AARP Michigan Andrus Award for Community Service nominees must be 50 years or older and the achievements, accomplishments, or service on which the nomination is based must have been performed on a volunteer basis, without pay. Couples or partners who perform service together are also eligible; however, teams are not eligible.

Officials said that this is not a posthumous award. For more information or questions about eligibility and award rules, visit aarp.org/mi, email MIAARP@aarp.org, or call AARP Michigan at 1-866-227-7448.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Romulus
Public Accuracy Test

To the qualified electors of the City of Romulus, Wayne County, and State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precincts 1-12 for the August 4, 2020 Primary Election is scheduled for

Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Community Room (lower level) 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan Election Law. (MCL 168.798(1)

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Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
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NOTICE OF ELECTION
City of Romulus, Michigan
August 4, 2020 Primary Election

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS ON **TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following offices will appear on the ballot:

United States Senator, Representative in Congress - 13th District, State Legislature - 12th District, Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney, Wayne County Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Commissioner - 11th District, Delegate to County Convention, Judge of 3rd Circuit Court - Non-incumbent position, Judge of 34th District Court - Incumbent position.

The following proposals will appear on the ballot:

WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL O
Operating Millage Renewal

To renew the millage authorized in 2009, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2019 rollback rate of 0.9529 (about 95 cents per $1,000 of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2020 through 2029), and proceeds used to continue existing County services, including programs for arrest, detention and prosecution of criminals, juvenile court and related services, public health, recreation, County parks, job training, senior citizen services, and programs for meeting medical needs of the poor, the disabled, and the aged? This renewal is projected to generate $42,129,703 in 2020. YES [ ] NO [ ]

WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL P
Parks Millage Renewal

To renew the millage authorized in 2016, shall Wayne County levy this millage at the estimated 2020 rollback rate of 0.2459 mills (about 25 cents per $1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2021 through 2025) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park, and improvements to municipal parks in the 43 communities as provided in an implementing ordinance through an annual allocation by commission district of the greater of $50,000 or 15% of the total funds generated from that district on the condition that for any year for which this continued levy would be imposed. Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-1996 fiscal year appropriation for parks? This renewal is projected to generate $10,871,753 in 2021.
YES [ ] NO [ ]

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Romulus City Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, or by calling (734) 942-7540.

All electors who are registered with the City of Romulus Clerk are eligible to vote at this election. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Romulus Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

1, 7 & 10	**Romulus Middle School, 37300 Wick Road**
2 & 4	**Halecreek Elementary School, 16200 Harrison Road**
3, 8, & 9	**Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road**
5	**Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins Street**
6	**West Village Estates, 7040 Shawnee Drive**
11	**Barth Elementary School, 38207 Barth Road**
12	**Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road**

(All located in Romulus, MI)

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absentee voter ballot.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City of Romulus Clerk
11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174
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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Landfill seeks to dump wastewater in Johnson Creek

Northville Mayor Bryan Turnbull and Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix have reportedly both expressed their support for the efforts of an environmental group attempting to prevent the disposal of waste water from Arbor Hills landfill into a tributary of Johnson Creek.

Advanced Disposal Services, which owns the landfill, has submitted two permit requests to Great Lakes and Energy Nonpoint Source Program (EGLE) , to allow the discharge of leachate, or liquids present in the waste at the landfill, and rainwater, into the nearby tributary of Johnson Creek. A Northville environmental activist group, The Conservancy Initiative, apparently learned of the permit applications through a series of Freedom of Information Act requests.

Advanced Disposal Services has been cited by EGLE for hundreds of odor violations and has been the topic of complaints at numerous Northville Township meetings.

In a published statement, representatives of the landfill owners stated, "permit approvals and conditions are necessary to treat and discharge water that has been collected from its Salem Township compost facility. Arbor Hills is continuing to make investments in the landfill to ensure operational and environmental performance.

"The proper management of water throughout our facility is a top priority in meeting performance goals. Any water returned to the environment will be required to meet strict water quality standards set by regulators," the statement read.

Members of the environmental group claim that the discharge points for the wastewater will result in approximately 100,000 gallons per day of treated leachate entering the Johnson Creek through a tributary running east from Napier Road to the Cold Water Spring Nature Area along the southern border of the Northville Ridge Community.

If allowed, the leachate would flow into Johnson Creek, a low-flow, cold-water fishery. The group claims that the proposed changes are cost-savings initiatives that are contrary to sustainability efforts. The landfill is reportedly requesting permission to discharge up to 15,000 gallons of leachate a day into Johnson Creek and up to 80,000 gallons of waste water than has historically contained PCBs.

Arbor Hills landfill. © 2020 Google

Festival

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accept the new normal."

Geitzen, who is also a Rotary Club member, said that the club members are considering a drive-through food donation effort for the weekend, in light of the number of civic service groups who usually receive funding from the barbeque each year.

Buzuvis agreed, noting that the club is looking forward to next year and making plans "as much as anyone can in this current situation." He said the club is considering several other ways to give back to the community but that "the way we do things may have to be different."

"Our goal is to support the community," he said, "and we are going to do something, maybe several smaller things. It's difficult to replace an event of this size." Buzuvis, a lifelong Plymouth resident, said the club members are well aware of the impact of the pandemic on the local service agencies. He said help will be needed "more than ever" by several of those that receive support from the Rotary Club.

"People need assistance of whatever kind," Buzuvis said, "and we are working with the local agencies to try to find out what the needs are and then address them as best we can."

"We're already making plans for 2021," Geitzen said."

SYNOPSIS
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, July 16, 2020
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor
Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk
Fred Shadko, Treasurer
Scott Frush, Trustee
Symantha Heath, Trustee
Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:**
   A. Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items – Approved
2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
   A. **Appointment – Tom Hughes to the Building Authority** – Approved
   B. **Appointment – Bob Belair to the Building Authority** – Approved
   C. **Landfill Working Committee Report** – Presented
3. **Public Hearing:** None
4. **Brief Public Comments:** None
5. **New Business:**
   A. **Industrial Pretreatment Program Resolution** – Approved
   B. **Prequalified Engineering Consulting Services RFQ** – Approved
   C. **Meadowbrook Country Club Fireworks Permit** – Approved
   D. **Structural Firefighting Gear RFP** – Approved
   E. **Northville Glades Conditional Rezoning** – Approved w/ conditions
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **Ordinances:** None
8. **Check Registry:**
   A. In the amount of $ 1,969,456.92 for the period of 6/6/20 to 7/3/20 – Approved
9. **Board Communication & Reports:**
   A. Robert R Nix, Marjorie Banner, Fred Shadko, Scott Frush, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen, Todd Mutchler
10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees** – None
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor
Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING
TO BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY OR
NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL OFFICES
August 19, 2020 - 7:00 PM

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, August 19, 2020 to be held by electronic remote access or at Northville Township Municipal Offices, if permitted. Please check the Township website after August 1, 2020 for updated meeting information. For information on how to view and participate in the meeting, **visit the township's website at https://twp.northville.mi.us/.** The ZBA will consider variance requests to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- Article 31.1 G, Fences, for a residence at 15714 Maxwell Avenue.
- Article 18.1, Schedule of Regulations (Rear Yard), for residence at 18248 Shagbark Drive.
- Article 31.5, B(2), Fences, for residence at 15391 Marilyn Avenue.

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CLEMENT ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSION
Charter Township of Northville
July 17, 2020

Sealed Bids for the Clement Road Water Main Extension will be received by the Charter Township of Northville at the office of the Township Clerk at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168, until 2:00 PM local time on August 11, 2020 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The project consists of installing approximately 1,600 feet of 12-inch water main utilizing open cut and directional drill methods. The project is located along the Clement Road corridor between Frederick Street and West Main Street.
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is the office of the Engineer, Orchard, Hiltz, & McCliment, Inc. (d.b.a. OHM Advisors), 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations beginning on July 17, 2020:

OHM Advisors; Online Plan Room
Dodge Data & Analytics; dodgeproducts.construction.com
CMD Group; cmdgroup.com
Construction Association of Michigan (CAM); cam-online.com

Bidding Documents were prepared by OHM Advisors. Bidders should direct correspondence to that office (734)-466-4455 (attn: Mackenzie Johnson). Digital plans may be downloaded from the OHM Plan Room:
https://qap.questcdn.com/qap/projects/prj_browse/ipp_browse_grid.html?projType=all&provider=2581600&group=2581600

By request only, hard copies of Bidding Documents may be obtained after July 17, 2020 at 12:00 pm, local time, by contacting the office of the Engineer, Orchard, Hiltz, & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150. A fee of fifty-five dollars ($55.00) non-refundable deposit will be charged for each set of Bidding Documents. An additional, non-refundable charge of fifteen dollars ($15.00) will be required for mailing Bidding Documents. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Bidders should direct correspondence to the Engineer (734) 466-4455 or Mackenzie.johnson@ohm-advisors.com (attn: Mackenzie Johnson).

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bid security in the form of a Bid Bond for a sum no less than 5% of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid. Bids shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes plainly marked with the project name and the name of the bidder.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids. This time period may be extended by mutual agreement of the Owner and any Bidder or Bidders. The Owner reserves the right to accept any or all Bids and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all Bids; and in general to make the award of the Contract in any manner deemed by the Owner, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Owner.

Marjorie Banner, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN
AUGUST 4, 2020

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP:

Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in Northville Township on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At the following locations:

Precinct 1	Ridge Wood Elementary	49775 Six Mile Road
Precinct 2	Ridge Wood Elementary	49775 Six Mile Road
Precinct 3	Northville High School	45700 Six Mile Road
Precinct 4	Northville High School	45700 Six Mile Road
Precinct 5	Township Hall	44405 Six Mile Road
Precinct 6	Township Hall	44405 Six Mile Road
Precinct 7	Northville High School	45700 Six Mile Road
Precinct 8	Silver Springs Elementary	19801 Silver Springs Drive
Precinct 9	Silver Springs Elementary	19801 Silver Springs Drive
Precinct 10	Ridge Wood Elementary	49775 Six Mile Road
Precinct 11	Ridge Wood Elementary	49775 Six Mile Road
Precinct 12	Northville High School	45700 Six Mile Road

For the purposes of electing a candidate to the following offices:

- United States Senator
- Representative in Congress 11th District
- Representative in State Legislature 20th District
- Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney
- Wayne County Sheriff
- Wayne County Clerk
- Wayne County Treasurer
- Wayne County Register of Deeds
- County Commissioner 9th District
- Northville Township Supervisor
- Northville Township Clerk
- Northville Township Treasurer
- Northville Township Trustee
- Delegate to County Convention
- Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that all Northville Township residents will be voting on the following:

- Wayne County - Proposition O - Operating Millage Renewal
  - To renew the millage authorized in 2009, shall Wayne county be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2019 rollback rate of 0.9529 (about 95 cents per $1,000 of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2020 through 2029), and proceeds used to continue existing County services, including programs for arrest, detention and prosecution of criminals, juvenile court and related services, public health, recreation, County parks, job training, senior citizen services, and programs for meeting medical needs of the poor, the disabled, and the aged? This renewal is projected to generate $42,129,703 in 2020.
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- Northville Township - Proposal for Public Safety (Police & Fire/EMS), Parks & Recreation, Senior & Youth Services and General Operating Millages Renewal and Increase
  - Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation, imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Northville township, of 7.1250 ($7.1250 per $1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 6.8220 mills ($6.8220 per $1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and increased by up to .5 mills to 7.3220 mills ($7.3220 per $1,000 of taxable value), to allow for future required millage rollbacks and levied for six years, 2021 through 2026? This proposal is a renewal and increase of the rolled back millage resulting from the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution (Art. IX), and will provide dedicated funds for Public Safety 6.4470 mills; Parks, Senior and Youth Services .7574 mills; and General Operating .1176 mills, raising an estimated $17,412,000 in the first year the millage is levied.

A sample of each ballot is available at the Northville Township's Clerk's Department located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville MI 48168. Sample ballots can also be found at the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us.
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Marjorie F. Banner
Northville Township Clerk
(248) 348-5825

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INKSTER - ROMULUS

Romulus mayor named to policy task force

Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff has been appointed to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) Legislative Policy Platform Task Force.

The Legislative Policy Platform Task Force will create the SEMCOG 2021-2022 Legislative Policy Platform, outlining the principle policy issues affecting local governments and schools in Southeast Michigan. Prior to each new session of Congress and the Michigan Legislature, SEMCOG forms a task force to guide the development of a new policy platform. The task force will recommend the platform to the executive committee for approval in December.

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"It is a privilege to be selected to serve on alongside local leaders and policymakers in support of the issues-like municipal financing and funding solutions for roads and infrastructure-that have the power to make a difference in our home communities," Burcroff said. "I am committed to continuing to work with neighboring communities in Southeast Michigan to ensure the City of Romulus and the entire region is positioned to thrive in the coming years."

Jason Morgan, chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, has been named chair of the Legislative Policy Platform Task Force and Theresa Rich, trustee of Oakland Schools, will serve as vice chair. Additional appointees of the 27-member task force include elected officials from communities in Southeast Michigan, including Detroit, Livonia, Ferndale and Southfield, among others.

Mayor LeRoy Burcroff

Library continues curbside pickup service for patrons

The Romulus Public Library remains in phase two of reopening to the public and is continuing curbside pickup for patrons.

The library will remain in the curbside pickup phase of the reopening plan while the building is being prepared for reopening to the public, a spokesman said.

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"We are applying for grants to help us with social distancing signage, deep cleaning, and other supplies to make the library as safe as possible for you. Our first priority is the safety and well-being of our staff and patrons, so we are closely following protocols from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and MiOSHA," he noted in a posting on the library website.

New policies and procedures have been approved by members of the library board to ensure safety and proper use of the building, he added. As more information and guidelines for public libraries are received from the State of Michigan, the library will publicize those efforts on the website and Facebook page with further updates.

Holds on books and materials can now be placed on items from all libraries in the system through the online catalog. Patrons will receive an email notification and can call from the parking lot to have a staff member deliver the materials to their vehicles.

Curbside Pickup Hours are noon until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday.

The outdoor drop box is still available for returns and returns can be made by driving to the parking lot of the library and calling a staff member to come retrieve them from the vehicle.

Expiring library cards have been automatically renewed through Sept. 30 and due dates on materials have been extended to Sept. 30. New library cards can be obtained by calling or emailing the library and providing proper identification. Processing does take a few days, a spokesman noted.

Friends of the Library are not accepting donations book donations at this time, he added.

City warns residents of toxic hand sanitizer poisoning

Inkster city officials offered a warning to residents last week regarding the use of certain hand sanitizers.

The warning, prompted by the Federal Drug Administration, was posted on the official city website on July 2 advising residents that some sanitizers have tested positive for methanol contamination. Methanol, or wood alcohol, is a substance that can be toxic when absorbed through the skin and can be life-threatening if ingested. Labels on the harmful products list ethanol (also known as ethyl alcohol) as an ingredient. The federal agency issued a formal warning of the spike in instances of adverse effects and said the agency "is aware of adults and children ingesting hand sanitizer products contaminated with methanol that has led to recent adverse events including blindness, hospitalizations and death."

Methanol is not an acceptable active ingredient for hand sanitizers and must not be used due to its toxic effects, according to the FDA bulletin. A federal investigation of methanol in certain hand sanitizers is ongoing and the agency will provide additional information as it becomes available, officials said. Consumers who have been exposed to hand sanitizer containing methanol and are experiencing symptoms should seek immediate treatment for potential reversal of toxic effects of methanol poisoning. Substantial methanol exposure can result in nausea, vomiting, headache, blurred vision, permanent blindness, seizures, coma, permanent damage to the nervous system or death. Although all persons using these products on their hands are at risk for methanol poisoning, young children who accidently ingest these products and adolescents and adults who drink these products as an alcohol (ethanol) substitute, are most at risk.

> *Children are particularly at risk with these products since ingesting only a small amount of hand sanitizer may be lethal in a young child.*

Officials from the FDA have reminded consumers to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing one's nose. If soap and water are not readily available, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend consumers use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent ethanol (also referred to as ethyl alcohol). Officials said the agency is especially concerned with the dangers of drinking any hand sanitizer under any conditions. While hand sanitizers with possible methanol contamination are more life-threatening than those that are not contaminated, FDA urges consumers not to drink any of these products; certain hand sanitizers that may not contain a sufficient amount of ethyl alcohol or isopropyl alcohol; hand sanitizers that are sold or offered for sale with false and misleading, unproven claims that they can prevent the spread of viruses such as COVID-19, including claims that they can provide prolonged protection (e.g., for up to 24-hours); products that are fraudulently marketed as "FDA-approved" since there are no hand sanitizers approved by FDA and products packaged to appear as drinks, candy or liquor bottles, as well as products marketed as drinks or cocktails because their appearance could result in accidental ingestion or encourage ingestion. Children are particularly at risk with these products since ingesting only a small amount of hand sanitizer may be lethal in a young child.

CITY OF ROMULUS

NOTICE OF LETTING
ITB 20/21-02
EXCESS CITY OWNED PROPERTY

Sealed Bids will be received in the office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 until 2:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time on August 10, 2020. Bids will be opened at 2:15 p.m. on August 10, 2020 in the City of Romulus Council Chambers.

FOR SALE EXCESS CITY OWNED PROPERTY

PARCEL NUMBER	STREET LOCATION	ZONING
80 028 99 0012 703	Ecorse/Wick west of Wayne	R1A & M1

BID PACKETS may be picked up at the City of Romulus Dept of Assessment, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm standard business days.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-002

An Ordinance to amend the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances, Appendix B, Chapter 38 Romulus Employees Pension Plan.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Section 1: **Short Title**

This Ordinance amendment shall be known and cited as the Ordinance Amendment adding expanded Participant Loan provisions in the Romulus Employees' Pension Plan, as permitted under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act") as signed into law on March 27, 2020.

This ordinance shall take effect upon publication in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

COMPLETE COPY OF ORDINANCE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 11111 WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MI.

Within forty-five (45) days after the publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors at the last preceding election at which the Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

INTRODUCED: June 22, 2020
ADOPTED: July 6, 2020
PUBLISHED: July 23, 2020

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 6, 2020
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY – VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCING

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilman William Wadsworth

The council meeting was held in accordance to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-48, (1) (a), that a meeting of a public body may be held electronically, by telephone or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means.

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams Absent / Excused: None
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Leroy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. **Agenda**
   Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Agenda as presented.
   Motion Carried Unanimously
2. **Minutes**
   A. **Res. # 20-152** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 06, 2020.
   Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
   Nays – None
   Abstain – Celeste Roscoe
   Motion Carried
3. **Petitioner**
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Chairperson's Report
   Motion Carried Unanimously
5. **Mayor's Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**
   A. **Res. #20-153** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Annual Community Resolution Accepting Long-Term Maintenance of Storm Water Management System.
   Motion Cad Unanimously
   B. **Res. # 20-154** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of the Historical Park on July 26, 2020 for the Bird Family annual reunion.
   Motion Carried Unanimously
6. **Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   A. **Res. # 20-155** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to schedule a study session with Jazmine Danci, Director of Marketing and Community Development for July 13, 2020 at 6:45pm.
   Motion Carried Unanimously
   Res. # 20-156 Moved by Virginia Williams, seconded by William Wadsworth to approve second reading, final adoption of the Romulus Employees' Pension Plan Ordinance, Appendix 8, Chapter 38. Motion Carried Unanimously
   B. **Res. # 20-157** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to schedule a public hearing on July 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments regarding a street vacation.
   Motion Carried Unanimously
7. **Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment - None**
9. **Unfinished Business**
   A. **Res. # 20-158 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Virginia Williams to amend the City Zoning Ordinance Section 22.01 (b) (1) to increase Board of Zoning Appeals membership from five board members to seven board members with a city council person to serve on the board as a voting member. The remainder of the ordinance wording to remain the same.**
   Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Abdo, Webb, Williams
   Nays – Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth
   Motion Failed
10. **New Business**
11. **Communication**
    Councilwoman Talley reminded everyone of the 2020 Census and announced a grant program available for small businesses in Wayne County. Councilwoman Williams reminded everyone of Forgotten Harvest food distribution at Romulus High School.
12. **Adjournment**
    A. Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.
    Motion Carried Unanimously
    I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 6, 2020.

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